

## Iron County Register

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### Boad of the Graft.

The road of the grafter is not an easy one. The temptation to graft is insidious, and men who mean to conduct themselves with honesty and dignity may be betrayed into it. "Modern business methods" is a sufficiently euphonious term to fool a brisk and ambitious man not too much given to reflection or self-examination. And all goes well for a time. The bank account increases, the man feels himself to be shrewd and influential; he is able to put his family "at the top of the heap," honors come easily to him, and young men are flattered to be associated with him in business. Then, says The Reader, the exposure comes. Those that have trusted him know him for what he is; his own specious plea of "the modern business method" sounds strangely inadequate even to himself. His name, which he hoped to see associated in the minds of men with great enterprises, and which he expected his sons to use as a sort of "open sesame," becomes, suddenly, the synonym for dishonesty, greed and failure. The grafter has, perhaps, thought himself hardened. He finds, to his dismay, that he is not. Shame awakens; conscience no longer sleeps. The dreams of his ambitious youth come to haunt him. He would give his fortune, many times duplicated, for the innocence and integrity of his early manhood. He is not a bad man—he can suffer, he can be ashamed, he can long for innocence. Perhaps, on reflection, there are no bad men. At any rate, the grafter has shown himself capable of dying broken-hearted or of going, a melancholy lunatic, to the asylum for the insane. His career requires stern metal. Let him who enters it be sure that his conscience is dead, his family pride buried, his self-respect quenched, and that he is obdurate to the reproachful tears of the women who love him! Having made quite, quite sure of all this, one might adopt a grafting career in an expectant spirit.

### Balm for Baldheads.

Simultaneously, from two independent sources, has come striking testimony of the virtues of the hairless head. It is stated that there are no bald criminals and that there are no bald justices. Neither statement is laid down as absolute or infallible, but it is claimed that there are only just sufficient exceptions to prove the rule. The authority regarding the first statement is J. T. Riley, a magistrate of the Halifax bench, who said in court that he had only met with two bald "charges" in his 23 years' experience. With regard to the second statement, Rev. H. M. Nelld, of Bradford, quotes "a head official" of the Rainhill asylum who assured him that he would never need the hospitality of that institution as he was quite bald. It is difficult to find authorities in London who wholeheartedly bear out these two theses. A gentleman who frequently visits Bethlehem hospital in an official capacity says: "My impression of the lunatics I meet there is that they are usually a shaggy race." An experienced police inspector bore out to a great extent Mr. Riley's statement about the lack of baldheaded criminals, but he advanced a commonplace explanation. "Criminals," he said, "are notoriously a short-lived race. I admit I have seen very few baldheaded men in this chancery, but by the time a criminal reaches the bald-headed period of life he has either died or has reformed. There is one notable exception, however; that was Charles Peace, the murderer and burglar."

### Stimulating Reading.

We cannot help living in some degree the lives of heroes who are constantly in our minds. Our characters are constantly being modified, shaped and molded by the suggestions which are thus held. The most helpful life stories for the average youth, says Success Magazine, are not the meteoric ones, the unaccountable ones, the astonishing ones like those of Napoleon, Oliver Cromwell, and Julius Caesar. The great stars of the race dazzle most boys. They admire, but they do not feel that they can imitate them. They like to read their lives, but they do not get the helpfulness and the encouragement from them that they do from reading the lives of those who have not started the world so much. It is the triumph of the ordinary ability which is most helpful as an inspiration and encouragement. The life of Lincoln has been an infinitely greater inspiration to the world than the life of Napoleon or that of Julius Caesar.

When Kansas was suffering from the visitation of grasshopper the whole country united in raising money and contributing food and clothing for the sufferers. Many a man was developed then. The contributions were so generous that opportunity was afforded for graft. And more than one man who rich laid the foundation of his fortune in the cash or goods which he stole from the relief fund. Much the same thing has been noted in a smaller scale in the San Francisco case.

Robert A. Smith, who has just been reelected mayor of St. Paul, Minn., has served six or seven terms in that office, five of them consecutively. Mayor Smith is 78 years old, and as a youngster he was a gambler, and besides his various terms as mayor he has filled other offices a good part of his life has been officeholding. Half a century ago he gave up one office in Indiana to take one in Minnesota. In 1886 malcontents used to talk about the continual office holding of "this man Smith."

## THE NIAGARA OF THE FUTURE—THE MAID OF THE "MISSED."

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## TREACHEROUS CUBANS

### AMERICAN SAILORS MOBBED AT GUANTANAMO.

One Shot and Twenty-Two Others Clubbed, Stabbed and Badly Hacked With Machetes.

Washington, May 18.—The navy department has been notified that 23 American sailors were mobbed by natives at Guantanamo, Cuba, and that all the bluejackets were wounded. One was shot, 22 were clubbed, stabbed or hacked with machetes.

The sailors, unarmed, outnumbered four to one, fought with their fists until all were disabled. Their assailants wielded knives, pistols, clubs and the favorite native weapon, the machete.

It is declared that the local police assisted the rioters, ignoring the Americans' appeals for protection.

The report of the battle evidently has been suppressed by the Cuban authorities. The American bluejackets landed at Guantanamo on April 29. In the afternoon they left the naval reservation, carrying no weapons.

It is claimed that the attack was made without provocation. The jackies were scarcely out of sight of the reservation when they were surrounded by a large band of natives, who used their pistols, knives and machetes with telling effect.

The Americans, back to back, fought until their wounds forced them to retreat. It is declared that the native police, instead of quelling the riot, urged on the attacking party.

### THREE BISHOPS ELECTED

Rev. D. J. J. Tigert and Rev. Dr. Seth Ward Chosen Bishops By Birmingham Conference.

Birmingham, Ala., May 18.—At the general conference of the Southern Methodist Episcopal church Thursday, Dr. J. J. Tigert, formerly of Louisville, secretary of the general conference, was elected bishop, receiving 160 votes a majority of 23. Others receiving large votes were Rev. J. C. Kilgore, of Durham, N. C.; Rev. Collins Denny, of Nashville; Rev. W. E. McMurray, of St. Louis; and Rev. Seth Ward, of Texas. On the second ballot there was no choice, but Kilgore led with 109 votes. On the third ballot Dr. Ward of Texas, assistant secretary of the mission board, was elected, receiving 140 out of 271 votes. Conference then took recess. Another bishop is to be chosen.

Third Bishop Elected. Birmingham, Ala., May 18.—Dr. Joseph Atkins, Sunday-school editor of the Methodist Episcopal church south, was elected bishop, Thursday night, on the twelfth ballot.

## ENORMOUS BOOKINGS FOR STEEL RAILS

Pittsburg, Pa., May 18.—Since the order books were opened, two weeks ago, the United States Steel corporation, the Colorado Fuel & Iron Co., the Jones & Laughlin Steel Co., the Pennsylvania Steel Co., the Maryland Steel Co. and the Tennessee Coal & Iron Co. have booked an aggregate of 1,000,000 tons steel rails for delivery in 1907. This is an unprecedented amount of business for this time of the year in the history of the steel trade.

Neither Had Clean Hands. Marion, Ill., May 17.—Charles A. Bell, a prominent merchant of this city, and his wife, Mrs. Alice Bell, a social leader here, suing each other for divorce, were both declared guilty of marital misconduct by a jury and divorce refused.

A Cigarette Victim. St. Louis, May 17.—Strapped to a cot in the observation ward of the city hospital, Charles Hanlenbeck raves in a fit of temporary dementia due to the cigarette habit. He smoked about one hundred daily.

A Hint in the Spier Case. New York, May 17.—Sensational stories are afloat that Charles L. Spier, confidential man of H. H. Rogers, was not a spidee after all, but was shot and killed in his Staten Island home by an intruder who was not a burglar.

Six Safeblowers Break Jail. Marshalltown, Ia., May 17.—Six safeblowers, arrested here a few weeks ago, broke jail Tuesday night and escaped. They piled away bricks in a second-story window.

## MANIAC MURDERER

### KILLED BY POSSE

Atlanta, Ga., May 16.—J. H. Clark, a maniac murderer, who killed one man and wounded four others, was found by a posse one-half mile from the scene of the crime and shot to death at 1:30 Tuesday afternoon. He fired at his pursuers, but failed to hit anyone.

J. H. Clark was night telegraph operator at Chamblee, 12 miles from Atlanta. He went insane while on duty Monday night, armed himself and went out on a rampage. He killed Wm. J. Cheeks, of Dunwoody, and seriously injured Will Purcell, E. C. Purcell and W. S. Mast, all of Chamblee, and W. J. Coker, of Dunwoody.

### DENONCED AS CRIMINAL

Ex-Gov. Francis Denounces the Inclination to Deny Statehood to Territories.

Excelsior Springs, Mo., May 18.—David R. Francis, of St. Louis, in an address at the sixteenth annual convention of the Missouri Bankers' association, on "The Banking Interests of the Southwest," voiced the protest of the southwest against the inclination apparent at Washington to deny statehood to Oklahoma, Indian territory, New Mexico and Arizona and denounced the policy as criminal.

## STANDARD OIL CO. ISSUES STATEMENT

New York, May 18.—The Standard Oil Co. has issued to its shareholders a statement in reply to the special message recently sent to congress by President Roosevelt and the report on the company's oil industry by Commissioner Garfield of the bureau of corporations, which accompanied it.

"Whatever measure of prosperity it has enjoyed," says the statement, "is not traceable to illegal or reprehensible methods, but to its economic and elaborate industrial organization, covering as it does every detail of transportation, manufacture and administration."

### SUMMER RESORT SINGED

Fire Sweeps Monument Beach, Mass., Just Before Season Opens.

Monument Beach, Mass., May 18.—Fire swept through the summer cottage settlement here early Thursday. Twenty-four cottages and the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad station were destroyed.

The loss is estimated at \$60,000. The cottages would have been occupied by June.

## FRISCO CITIZENSHIP RECORDS DESTROYED

San Francisco, May 19.—Anxious applicants at the courts have called the county clerk's attention to the grave fact that the records in over 200,000 cases of citizenship have been destroyed. The political importance of this can not be overestimated, as in the majority of instances absolutely no documents exist whereby naturalization and the right to vote can be proved. At the same time the opportunity for political fraud is enormous.

The county clerk's books on citizenship which were consumed by the fire date from 1852.

Floridians Lynch Negro. Tampa, Fla., May 19.—A mob entered the jail at Iverness, Citrus county, took the keys from the jailer and took out Frank Jordan, colored, charged with robbing and murdering a white peddler named Sweeney at Stage pond, two weeks ago. The negro was hanged to a tree a short distance from town.

Despondent Girl Drinks Poison. Shelbyville, Mo., May 19.—In a fit of melancholia Miss Pearl Phillips, 19 years old, drank carbolic acid at her home near this city and died. She left a note indicating she was despondent.

No License Campaign in Arkansas. Little Rock, Ark., May 19.—The Intertown Temperance Federation of Arkansas is planning an active "no license" campaign in every county in the state, and has issued an address to the clergymen of the state asking their cooperation.

Prominent Architect Dead. Houston, Tex., May 19.—W. H. Hammond, aged 70, a widely-known architect, died just after completing the last stroke on the plans for a new hotel.

Sculptor Lopes Dies in Gotham. New York, May 21.—Charles Albert Lopes, the sculptor, died of heart disease, following an operation. His works won the gold medal at the St. Louis World's fair.

## FOREST FIRE RESULTS

### FOUR KNOWN DEAD AND A SCORE OR MORE MISSING.

Four Villages Wiped Out, a Dozen More Partially Destroyed, Five Counties Devastated and 100 Square Miles Fire-Swept.

Escanaba, Mich., May 21.—Four known dead, a score or more persons missing, hundreds of families homeless, several million dollars' worth of property burned, four towns wiped out entirely and a dozen more partially, five counties devastated and 100 square miles of territory fire-swept.

This is the dreadful picture that the northern Michigan peninsula presents after the worst forest fire since the Peshtigo disaster in 1871 has spent itself.

General Superintendent W. E. Wells of the Escanaba & Lake Superior road, along which right-of-way the greatest loss occurred, has returned from a trip of inspection over the fire-stricken area, and says that the flames have gone down and for the time being the danger is over unless a new gale arises to again fan the embers into flames.

The following summary briefly tells the story:

The dead are: Peter Lafond, a cook, smothered in a lumber camp near Katos; body found. Three unknown children, dead at Quinnesec, Mich. They were separated from their parents while the village was burning and perished.

Scores of homesteaders and woodsmen are missing and many have probably perished in the flames.

Territory devastated, five counties—Marquette, Menominee, Delta, Alger and Dickinson.

The territory fire-swept is 100 miles square.

Towns totally burned: Talbot, Mich., 300 population; only a few houses left standing. Quinnesec, Mich., 400 population; only one house remains.

Saunders, 150 population, all wiped out. Niagara, Wis., 300 population; all wiped out.

Towns partially destroyed: Northland, Cornell, Antelope, Spring Valley, Kingsley, Woodlawn, Foster City, Sala, Metropolitan.

Saved By a Change of Wind. Menominee, Mich., May 21.—The town of Soperston, Mich., owned by the Bay Shore Lumber Co., suffered a heavy loss from the forest fires. For a time Soperston and Waheno people were cut off. All that saved the towns and people from complete annihilation was a shifting of the wind.

## REVERENT OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY URGED

Washington, May 21.—A circular has been issued by the Commanders' association of the department of the Potomac, calling attention to the uses and abuses of Memorial day, and inviting all those in sympathy with the objects of the day "to abstain from demonstrations that will detract from the sacred memories that cluster around the services of those whose graves we strew with flowers on this one day of the year which should be given over to the men who suffered that we might be a happy, prosperous nation."

The circular urges the public conscience to be quickened as to the primary causes that led to the setting apart of May 30 for remembering the nation's soldier dead.

### MUST PAY LIKE OTHER FANS

Chicago Preachers Erased From the Free List at National League Baseball Games.

Chicago, May 21.—Clergymen will now either be compelled to forego the pleasure so far as the National league base ball games are concerned or pay like all other lovers of the game. The new rule which President Murphy of the Chicago club has begun to enforce caused a stir among the local preachers.

## SENT TO SAN DOMINGO UNDER HURRY ORDERS

Philadelphia, May 21.—The cruiser Columbia is being hastily prepared at League Island for the sea, and will leave for Santo Domingo to-day with 600 marines. Under hurry orders from the navy department detachments of marines from Boston, Brooklyn, Washington and Norfolk arrived here during the day and are on board the Columbia. Final orders will be received at Guantanamo, Cuba.

Girl Strangles Mad Dog. New York, May 21.—Anna Winters, aged 17, showed heroic qualities when she strangled to death a mad dog which had attacked her little brother in the yard of their home in Jersey City. The girl seized the dog and strangled it until it was dead.

A Veteran and a Mason. Louisville, Ky., May 21.—News has been received of the death at Dayton, O., of Col. George W. Northrup, a veteran of the civil war, and at one time one of the most prominent Free Masons in the United States.

Took a Man to Do It. Boston, May 21.—Miss May Sutton, of California, the world's woman tennis champion, was defeated in an exhibition set, but it took a man to do it. The victor was N. W. Niles, of Harvard, holder of the university championship, who won, 6-4.

Mrs. Davis Improved. New York, May 20.—The condition of Mrs. Jefferson Davis, who is ill at the Hotel Gerard, is somewhat improved. Dr. Wylie regards his patient now as in no immediate danger, though pneumonia is generally fatal to a woman of Mrs. Davis' advanced age.

Missouri Doctors Elect Wallace. Jefferson City, Mo., May 18.—The Missouri State Medical association elected Dr. C. H. Wallace, of St. Joseph, president. Next meeting will be held in this city.

## WHOLESALE SPILLING OF RARE WINES AND LIQUORS

Washington, May 18.—The gutters literally ran red with wine and other intoxicating liquors Wednesday evening, in the immediate vicinity of Henderson castle, the picturesque home of former United States Senator John B. Henderson, of Missouri, on the heights overlooking this city. Hundreds of cobwebby bottles, containing wines of rare old vintage, imported whiskeys and brandies, cordials and other beverages galore, the entire contents of the Henderson wine cellar, valued at more than \$1,000, were smashed and the contents allowed to flow through the near-by gutters to the sewer.

The destruction of the wine was accompanied by ceremonies and several interesting incidents. Those who wrought destruction, by permission of Mrs. Henderson, who stood smilingly while it was accomplished, were men and women, members of the Independent Order of Rechabites, headed by High Chief Ruler Wayne W. Corde.

## DR. HUNTER CORBETT CHOSEN MODERATOR

Des Moines, Ia., May 18.—After one of the most spirited contests in recent years, Rev. Dr. Hunter Corbett, a distinguished missionary to China for many years, was elected moderator of the Presbyterian general assembly. Three ballots were necessary to determine the result, the final vote standing: Dr. Corbett, 339; Rev. Dr. J. M. Barkley, of Detroit, Mich., 308; Rev. Dr. J. F. Hendy, of Missouri, 4.

Five candidates were placed in nomination and the oratory that accompanied the presentation of names occupied a period of more than two hours.

On motion of Dr. Barkley the election was made unanimous. Dr. Corbett, the new moderator, is a native of Pennsylvania, and has for 45 years been engaged in missionary work in China.

### MET AN UNTIMELY DEATH

"Ted" Walker, a Young St. Louis Millionaire, Dead From Burns in His Pike County Home.

St. Louis, May 19.—James Theodore Walker, a young millionaire clubman, society leader and traveler, who was familiarly known to his many friends as "Ted" Walker died at his country home near Clarksville, Pike county, Mo., Thursday night, after two days of agony caused by being burned last Tuesday by an explosion of gasoline in his automobile garage.

His young wife, who, as Miss Lily Lambert, was one of the most popular young society girls of the town, was at his bedside when the end came.

The accident happened about 6:50 p. m. last Tuesday, in a little shed on the estate directly in the rear of the young couple's beautiful country home.

## STAND COLLAPSED, MINISTERS INJURED

Des Moines, Ia., May 19.—Five commissioners to the general Presbyterian assembly were injured, none seriously, late Friday afternoon, by the collapse of a temporary stand which had been erected for the purpose of getting a large group photograph of the assembly. Upwards of 500 were on the stand when it collapsed.

The injured: Dr. L. C. Laking, Roswell, N. M., hip bruised. Rev. W. O. David, Monong, W. Va., hip bruised. George Willis, Mendota, Ill., back injured and rendered unconscious.

Rev. J. M. McGaughey, Charlton, Ia., leg strained. Rev. W. C. Buell, Taos, N. M., back bruised.

## FOUL CRIME FOLLOWED BY MURDER AND SUICIDE

Joplin, Mo., May 18.—Hazel McKinney, 14 years of age, was criminally assaulted and murdered in a lonely stretch of woods near Cave Springs, five miles west of this city, Thursday, by John Morgan, a miner, who afterward shot and killed himself. The bodies were found lying together, Thursday night, by a party in quest of the girl.

Condrey Will Be Seated. Washington, May 19.—Harry M. Condrey, republican, of St. Louis was, Friday, declared entitled to the seat in congress from the Twelfth Missouri congressional district by the house committee on elections No. 2.

The contested seat has been held by Ernest E. Wood, of St. Louis, democrat. The election was in the fall of 1904.

The committee's report has not been made public and will probably not be read until late in the session now drawing to a close.

Indiana Glass Makers Shut Down. Indianapolis, Ind., May 18.—Manufacturers of window glass in Indiana have decided to close their plants from May 29 to June 10, on account of the high price of fuel and scarcity of skilled labor. Other states have been asked to take similar action.

Supreme Council Royal Arcanum. Norfolk, Va., May 18.—The supreme council of the Royal Arcanum in the United States convened at Old Point Comfort, Va., and will be in session for eight days. Supreme Regent Wiggins is presiding.

Soldiers Bring Peace. Coeymans, N. Y., May 18.—Three hundred infantrymen, camped on the heights overlooking Village & Suddery's brick yards, have brought peace and safety to the little village of Coeymans, which was terrorized Wednesday by a mob of enraged Italian brick makers.

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## PANAMANS MUST BEHAVE

### If They Don't They Will Have United States Marines to Reckon With.

Two Hundred There Now and Four Hundred More Are On Board the Columbia.

The Force That Sailed On the Cruiser Columbia, Ostensibly For Santo Domingo, To Be Held at Guantanamo, Cuba, Ready For Any Emergency.

Washington, May 22.—More than six hundred marines will confront the liberal leaders on the isthmus of Panama in case they attempt to promote riots and revolution at the time of the election in Panama on June 20. Although the canal zone is under the secretary of war there is no indication that the war department will have any troops near the isthmus at the time of the approaching election, and Secretary Taft must rely upon the marine corps to protect the canal zone.

Only 200 marines are on the isthmus at present. These are in command of Maj. C. G. Long. More than 400 marines are on the Columbia, which is on its way to Guantanamo, and will be within easy call in case the politics become stormy in Panama.

The zone police force has been strengthened materially and is so well equipped that it is in reality a miniature army and is ready for service at any time. Under the leadership of the well-trained marines it is believed the police force will be able to quell any disturbance which may arise. Secretary Root and Secretary Taft have also made it clear that they will take a hand in disturbances outside of the zone, and if the liberals begin any movement against the present government of Panama it will be with full knowledge that the United States expects to intervene in disturbances which will delay the canal work or affect it in any way.

## RAILROAD RATE BILL TO GO TO CONFERENCE

Washington, May 22.—The railroad rate bill was considered for three hours, Monday night, by the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce, and the decision reached to recommend disagreement to all of the senate amendments and to send the measure to conference. The committee will not ask that instructions of any character be given to the house conferees.

There was no disposition to criticize the amendment conferring jurisdiction on the courts to review orders made by the interstate commerce commission in the house, as well as in the senate committee, many members contending that the bill as it was passed by the house gave that authority to the courts. This amendment and others which collectively are known as the Allison compromise, undoubtedly will be agreed to by the house conferees.

## A PRESBYTERIAN BROTHERHOOD

Des Moines, Ia., May 22.—The Presbyterian general assembly, Monday morning, determined upon one of the most important church movements undertaken by it in many years. It voted unanimously to begin at once the organization of a men's society under the name "Presbyterian Brotherhood," whose purpose shall be to bring the men of the Presbyterian church more closely in sympathy with the church and to bring about a "spiritual development, fraternal relations, denominational reality, the strengthening of fellowship and the engagement in works of Christian usefulness."

## VICTIM OF BOMB THROWER

Count Keller, a Russian Colonel of Dragons, Severely Wounded at Kalisz, Poland.

Kalisz, Russian Poland, May 22.—Count Keller, a colonel of dragons was severely wounded by the explosion of a bomb which was thrown at the officer while he was returning from a review Monday. His horse was killed and his orderly was injured. The would-be assassin, a young man, succeeded in escaping.

Attacked By Moors. Meilla, Morocco, May 22.—The American steamer Amanilla, from Tetuan, while approaching the coast, was attacked by Moorish fishermen, when off the Spanish isle of Penon de la Gomer. This is a small island in the Mediterranean sea.

Is Wanted For Embezzlement. San Francisco, May 22.—George M. Taggart, who is wanted in Philadelphia under a charge of felony for embezzlement, is under arrest at Oakland. It is stated that Taggart jumped his bail in Philadelphia.

For the Murder of Her Husband. Spokane, Wash., May 22.—Mrs. Josephine Baruth, of Medical Lake, was sentenced to serve ten years in the penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$1,000 for the murder of her husband, whom she shot during a family quarrel. Her plea was self-defense.

Destroyed a Band of Servians. Salonica, European Turkey, May 22.—Turkish troops at Starke'teha, near Kratovo, have destroyed a Servian band of nine men. The Turks lost two killed and several wounded in the fight.

## IN THE ISLE OF PINES

### A REVOLT AGAINST CUBAN AUTHORITY IMMINENT.

Americans, Who Own Nine-Tenths of the Island, Say They Will Stand Oppression No Longer.

Washington, May 22.—According to a statement by S. H. Pearce, a large land owner in the Isle of Pines, a revolt against Cuban authority in that island will occur in the near future unless the United States resumes control over it.

Mrs. Pearce and his brother, J. L. Pearce, called at the White House, Monday, but the president declined to see them, and they were referred to Secretary Root. Mr. Pearce said that the Americans now own nine-tenths of the property in the island, which they purchased solely on the assurance of President McKinley and the war department that the island was American soil. Conditions, however, have reached a critical stage and the majority of Americans have stated they will stand their oppression no longer. Mr. Pearce said that these American citizens have received many offers of aid from the United States in case of a revolt.

## BURTON MUST GO TO JAIL

The United States Supreme Court Affirms the Sentence of Senator Burton, of Kansas.

St. Louis, May 22.—Word was received at the federal building Monday that the United States supreme court had affirmed the sentence of United States Senator Joseph R. Burton, of Kansas, to six months' imprisonment in the Iron county (Mo.) jail and a fine of \$2,500.

The sentence carries with it a disqualification for holding any public office in future.

Burton was convicted in the United States district court here November 29 last, and sentenced by Judge Van Devanter. The charge against him was improperly using his influence in behalf of the Rialto Grain & Securities Co. to prevent the issuance of a post office department fraud order against the concern.

The Rialto company was conducted by the late Maj. Hugh C. Dennis. Execution of sentence is suspended for 60 days to allow time for filing a petition for a rehearing.

Burton is the first United States senator ever convicted of this offense.

## ALLEGED LAND FRAUDS IN STATE OF NEBRASKA

Omaha, Neb., May 22.—The federal grand jury, Monday, returned a number of indictments in connection with the alleged land frauds in Cherry county and elsewhere in Nebraska. Charges are conspiracy to obtain government land through fraudulent means, subornation of perjury and similar offenses.

Those against whom indictments were reported are W. R. and A. M. Modgett, president and vice-president, and H. C. Dale, cashier of the Stockman's bank of Rushville, and William Smoot, government farmer at the Pine Ridge Indian agency, who are alleged to have secured 22,000 acres illegally; Earl Comstock, of Los Angeles, brother of William G. Comstock, of the firm of Richards & Comstock; E. C. Harris, an official of the Kansas City, Mexican & Orient railway, and Reason Hudgill, a retired farmer of New Virginia, Ia. Several of the persons indicted were in court when the jury report was read, ready to give bonds.

## U. S. VICE-CONSUL KILLED

A Threat, Many Times Repeated, Finally Executed at Batoum, Russia.

Batoum, May 22.—W. H. Stuart, the American vice-consul, was shot and killed at his country place Sunday night. The assassin escaped.

Mr. Stuart was a British subject, and one of the largest ship brokers and exporters of Batoum. During the revolutionary troubles of last fall his life was many times threatened by longshoremen, and at Christmas a deputa-tion visited Mr. Stuart's office and practically compelled him to give them \$1,500 under the guise of a holiday gratuity for dock laborers.

[Batoum is a seaport town of Asiatic Russia, on the S. shore of the Black sea, four miles north of the mouth of the Chokruk, a river of Turkish and Russian Armenia. Its population is about 5,000.]

## AT THE COST OF TWO LIVES

Fatal Attempt of the Occupants of a Rowboat to Exchange Places Over Deep Water.

Chicago, May 22.—An attempt of the occupants of a rowboat in the lagoon at Sherman Park to change their places cost the lives of two men. The dead: Edward O'Gara, 43 years old, machinist; leaves wife and eight children. James Wilson, a youth of 18 years, was an employee of a sock yards packing house.

## Supreme Council, Royal Arcanum

Norfolk, Va., May 22.—At the supreme council of the Royal Arcanum of the United States, in session at Old Point, Va., Howard C. Wiggins was elected supreme regent, and the entire list of officers was re-elected. A resolution reaffirming the present rate of assessment was adopted unanimously.

Vetoed By Gov. Higgins. Albany, N. Y., May 21.—Gov. Higgins has vetoed the bill passed by the legislature to regulate the amount of water to be taken from the Niagara river for power purposes.